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# School New

# Happy Fall!

It's been a busy fall in Stark Hall! Everyone enjoyed the Deaf Awareness week activities, especially cooking with Chopped contestant Kurt Ramborger—delicious! If you haven't seen it already, ask your child about the free ASL t-shirt they got from Deaf Awareness Week. The students of had an exciting October with two field trips: one for the elementary school, and one for the middle school.

Other events in October include a special presentation by Roger Vass, drills for what to do during emergencies, and visits from local police and firemen for Fire Safety Week. Many students and staff recognized Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wear-

ing pink on October 25th; one class even decorated their own pink shirts! Finally, we closed out October with the elementary students donning their costumes and trick-or-treating around campus. It was a real "treat" for staff to see them all dressed up!

Report card and IEP goal pages with progress reports were sent home mid-October. Please contact the office or your child's teacher any time you have questions or concerns about your child's aca-

As the leaves fall from the trees and the days get shorter the temperature is also dropping rapidly in Fulton.

demic progress.

Don't forget to send warm clothes, coats, and other outdoor gear to school so the students can stay warm throughout the day.

Keep reading to get the

details on many of our fall activities!



Teacher Cherise Santoriello got to try on the firemen's gear. Everyone say "FIREMEN!"

# Rocks and Bats and Caves, Oh My!

On October 8<sup>th</sup>,

the middle school students set out to Bridal Caves in Camdenton, Missouri, where they got to venture out into two different caves. Each student got a flashlight and was able to explore and climb around Bear Cave. The second cave, Bridal Cave, was a guided tour and students got to learn about rock formations, different kinds of rocks, how caves are formed, and did some hiking through the woods to different caves. Students then got to go through Thunder Mountain, Bridal Cave's outdoor classroom and learn about frontier life.

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### **Upcoming Events:**

- Kappa Kappa Gamma visit, Nov. 14
- Middle School Science Fair, Nov. 26
- Thanksgiving Break, Nov 27-Dec. 1— Students go home at 1 pm Nov. 26

# It's Pumpkin Time!

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, elementary students got the privilege of visiting Bradford farms in Columbia, Missouri. We arrived at Bradford Farms and loaded up onto a trailer for a hayride through the farm. Tim Reinbott, our tour guide, stopped us at the giant pumpkin, explained different kinds of corn and had us guess the weight of the pumpkin. Believe it or not, it weighed 123 pounds! The kids then got to see and touch shrimp from the freshwater pond and learned that the larger shrimp usually



ate the smaller ones. They set out to navigate



Damien is determined to take home the biggest pumpkin!

the corn maze before heading to the pumpkin patch. Each student got to pick out and take home a pumpkin but only if they could carry the pumpkin themselves. Some of them were carrying pumpkins that weighed more than themselves! After a fun filled afternoon with some perfect

weather, we loaded up and headed back to school.



Daniel shows off some corn, and Ally leads her class through the corn maze.



# Moving On Up!

Middle School students have been working hard to improve and/or maintain good citizenship, responsibility, cooperation, and respect. We're proud to see so many students doing well and earning their way up the levels system. Students who have moved up one or more levels since our last newsletter are: Delanzia, Brad, Domanic, Kara, Jessie, Clayton (level one); Jayman (level two); Melissa, Mikal,

Dacota (level three).

Keep up the good work everyone!







## Boo!

Elementary

has had a spook-tacular October of Halloween-themed events. On Oct. 10 the ladies of Kappa Kappa Gamma returned with a craft activity. Working together the students and the sorority girls made friendly spiders to go on a spider web banner. Everyone had a lot of fun, and the lobby got a festive decoration.

The afternoon of Halloween super-

Hanging spiders with Kappa Kappa Gamma

heoroes, pirates, policemen and scary spooks could be found all over campus. Everyone loved the trick-or-treat visitors they received, and the students left with pumpkin tubs full of treats! It was a Happy Halloween for all!







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